Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method of printing from a computing device, said method comprising:

sending a print task to a local print system component in a ~~local~~ first network;

acquiring, with said local print system component, printer data for a plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printers located in a ~~remote~~ second network wherein said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printers are not directly accessible to said local print system component, said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printers being in communication with a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component located in said ~~remote~~ second network;

sending said print task from said local print system component to said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component in said ~~remote~~ second network; and

sending said print task, from said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component in said ~~remote~~ second network, to at least one of said plurality of printers in communication with said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component for printing.

2.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said local print system component is a spooler.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said local print system component is a print processor.

4.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component is a spooler.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component is a print processor.

6.   (previously amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising reconfiguring said print task according to said printer data related to said print task.

7.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein said reconfiguring is performed via said local print system component.

8.   (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said reconfiguring is performed via said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component.

9.   (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said reconfiguring enables said print task to be printed on at least one ~~remote~~ second-network device.

10.   (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said reconfiguring comprises reconfiguring said print task for cluster printing on said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printers.

11.   (currently amended) A method of remote printing, said method comprising:

sending a print task to a local print system component on a ~~local~~ first network;

determining characteristics of said print task;

determining the availability of a plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices located on a ~~remote~~ second network, wherein said ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices are not directly accessible to said local print system component, said determining being performed via a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component in said ~~remote~~ second network, wherein said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component is in communication with said local print system component;

determining the capabilities of said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices;

sending said print task to said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component; and

sending said print task from said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component to at least one of said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices for printing.

12.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising selecting, via said local print system component, said at least one of said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices.

13.   (previously presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising reconfiguring said print task.

14.   (original) The method of claim 11 wherein said determining characteristics is accomplished via said local print system component.

15.   (currently amended) The method of claim 13 wherein said determining characteristics is accomplished via said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component.

16.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said reconfiguring comprises job splitting among said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network devices.

17.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said reconfiguring comprises copy splitting among said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network devices.

18.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said reconfiguring comprises division of said print task into multiple print tasks for printing on a cluster of said ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices.

19.   (original) The method of claim 11 wherein said reconfiguring comprises changing the destination of a print task.

20.   (currently amended) A method of remote printing, said method comprising:

sending a print task to a local print system component on a ~~local~~ first network;

determining a device requirement of said print task;

sending said device requirement to a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component on a ~~remote~~ second network that does not share devices with said ~~local~~ first network;

checking, with said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component, the availability of a ~~remote~~ plurality of second-network printing devices on said ~~remote~~ second network, wherein said ~~remote~~ plurality of second-network printing devices is not directly accessible to said local print system component, but is in communication with said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component;

determining, with said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component, the capability of said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices to meet said device requirement;

automatically selecting at least one of said plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printing devices; and

sending said print task to said selected at least one ~~remote~~ second-network printing device.

21.   (currently amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising reconfiguring said print task for said at least one ~~remote~~ second-network printing device.

22.   (currently amended) A system for remote printing, said system comprising:

a local print task receiver for receiving a print task from a local computing device on a ~~local~~ first network;

a print task analyzer for determining a print task requirement;

a ~~remote~~ second-network printer data acquirer for acquiring printer data for a plurality of ~~remote~~ second-network printers on a ~~remote~~ second network that does not share printers with devices on said ~~local~~ first network;

a print task distributor for distributing said print task to a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component on said ~~remote~~ second network; and

a printer selector for comparing printer data with said print task

requirement and for selecting at least one of said plurality of <u>second-network</u> printers

based on said comparing.

23.   (currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising

instructions for performing functions within a print system component, said instructions

comprising the acts of:

receiving a print task from a device on a ~~local~~ <u>first</u> network;

determining print task characteristics;

sending print task characteristic data to a ~~remote~~ <u>second-network</u> print

system component on a ~~remote~~ <u>second</u> network that does not share devices with said

~~local~~ <u>first</u> network;

receiving printer data from said ~~remote~~ <u>second-network</u> print system

component, said printer data identifying ~~remote~~ <u>second-network</u> printers on said ~~remote~~

<u>second</u> network that are capable of printing said print task;

selecting at least one of said ~~remote~~ <u>second-network</u> printers capable of

printing said print task;

sending said print task to said ~~remote~~ <u>second-network</u> print system

component; and

sending said print task from said ~~remote~~ second-network print system

component to said at least one of said ~~remote~~ second-network printers selected in said

selecting.

24.   (canceled)

25.   (canceled)

26.   (currently amended) A method of printing from a ~~local~~ first-network computing device to a non-shared ~~remote~~ second-network printer, said method comprising:

sending a print task to a local, first-network print system component in a ~~local~~ first network;

acquiring printer data for at least one ~~remote~~ second-network printer on a ~~remote~~ second network that does not share devices with said ~~local~~ first network;

sending said print task from said local, first-network print system component to a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component on said ~~remote~~ second network; and

sending said print task from said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component to said at least one ~~remote~~ second-network printer for printing.

27.   (currently amended) A system for remote printing, said system comprising:

a local, first-network print system component ~~capable of~~ comprising:

a receiver for receiving a print task from a local, first-network ~~network~~ device on a first network,

a data acquirer for acquiring printer data for a ~~remote~~ second-network printer on a ~~remote~~ second network that does not share devices with said ~~local~~ first network,

a communication link for communicating with a ~~remote~~ second-network print system component on said ~~remote~~ second network that can utilize said ~~remote~~ second-network printer; and

a sender for sending said print task to said ~~remote~~ second-network print system component for printing on said ~~remote~~ second-network printer.